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Dear Sir:

In response to the April 11, 2002, office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6-8, 13-15, 26, 37-39, 51-52, 63-65, and 75-76.

Please amend claims 1-5, 9-12, 16-20, 24-25, 28-31, 33-36, 40-43, 46-50, 53-57, 59-62, 66-69, 70-74, 77-81, and 93-94 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A DNA construct comprising:
a trait DNA molecule which has a length that is insufficient to
independently impart a desired trait to plants transformed with said trait DNA molecule and
a silencer DNA molecule effective to achieve post-transcriptional gene
silencing and coupled to said trait DNA molecule, wherein said trait DNA molecule and
silencer DNA molecule are heterologous to each other and collectively impart the trait to